

3 a first linkage coupled to said table mount;
4 a second linkage pivotally coupled to said first linkage;
5 a third linkage pivotally coupled to said second linkage;
6 an end effector pivotally coupled to said third linkage and having a jaw member
7 coupled to a spring; and,
8 a heart stabilizer held by said jaw member of said end effector without rotation of a
9 threaded fastener.

1 16. (Twice Amended) A method for coupling a heart stabilizer to a table,
2 comprising:
3 mounting a support arm to the table;
4 adjusting a position of an end effector of the support arm, the end effector having a
5 retractable jaw member;
6 retracting the jaw member, the retraction creates a spring force;
7 inserting a heart stabilizer into the end effector; and;
8 releasing the jaw member so that the spring force returns the jaw member and secures
9 the end effector to the heart stabilizer.

The applicant has attached an edited version of the amended claims as an Appendix.

REMARKS

The Examiner rejected claims 1, 2, 4-12, 14 and 15 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. The applicant has amended the claims to recite a heart stabilizer that is held by a jaw member without rotation of a threaded fastener. The spring jaw of the embodiment